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5 / 6 Weekly News

Math

We started the new year with unit pretests. Fifth grade students are focusing on estimation and computation, and Sixth grade students are using variables, formulas and graphs.

Language Arts

Our new read aloud book is; Stolen, a 2009/10 DCF book by Vivian Vande Velde.

In writing, students are learning how to put more details in their writing by using a strategy called explode the moment. They are also using their senses to observe what is going on around them, and then incorporating those details into their writing.

Science

We are using nonfiction reading strategies to read the book, Rocks and Minerals, and creating vocabulary cards of important terminology.

The King and I

Our play is quickly approaching! The play will be next Friday, January 15th at the St. Johnsbury Academy. We have spent a great deal of time on rehearsal this week, and plan to do the same next week. Students are doing a good job

learning their lines, and have started learning the songs. Please see the Friday Notes for more information about the play.

Spring Fieldtrip

So far, feedback from students and a few parents support the trip to the New England Aquarium. There were mixed responses from parents about using any of the fifth grade money toward this trip. I will leave that option as a last resort, and I will make sure I do a final check with parents if I think we will need to use any of it. The students are really excited to plan an activity night to raise additional funds for this trip. More information will come home on this fundraiser next week.

Students have been introduced to their email. Students can access these from home if you have internet access. Their email address is their first name (dot) last name initial

@peachamschool.org

For example:

John Smith would be

john.s@peachamschool.org

email.secureserver.net

Visit our new class website! Go to the Peacham School website, www.peachamschool.org

We are just getting started, so keep checking back for more!

Congratulations to our GeoBee winner James Heroux, and our second and third place winners, Michael Langham and Emily Grant!

